

AMENDMENTSIn The Claims:

Please amend claims 1 and 21 to read as follows. The amendments to claims 1 and 21 are detailed in the attached Appendix.

1. (Amended) A multilayer thermoplastic film, comprising:
at least one polyolefin core layer having a first side and a second side,
at least one abrasion resistant thermoplastic skin layer overlying the first side of the core layer, and
at least one second thermoplastic skin layer overlying the second side of the core layer;
wherein the composition of the core layer is different than the composition of the skin layers, the core layer and the skin layers being characterized by the absence of PVC, and the multilayer thermoplastic film is an unoriented film, and
wherein an intermediate layer positioned between the core layer and the second thermoplastic skin layer, the supplemental core layer being characterized by the absence of PVC.

21. (Amended) A multilayered thermoplastic film, comprising:
a thermoplastic core layer having a first side and a second side, the core layer comprising: a polyolefin having a density in the range of about 0.89 to about 0.97 grams per cubic centimeter; a second polymeric material selected from the group consisting of ethylene-acrylic acid copolymers, ethylene-methacrylic acid copolymers, ionomers derived from sodium, lithium or zinc and an ethylene/methacrylic acid copolymer, and combinations thereof, the second thermoplastic material being present at a concentration of about 2% to about 25% by weight based on the weight of the core layer; and a light stabilizer at a concentration of about 1,000 to about 10,000 ppm based on the weight of the of core layer;

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an abrasion and scuff resistant clear first thermoplastic skin layer overlying the first side of the core layer, the first skin layer comprising a light stabilizer at a concentration of about 2,000 to about 20,000 ppm based on the weight of the first skin layer; and

a clear second thermoplastic skin layer overlying the second side of the core layer; the second skin layer comprising a light stabilizer at a concentration of about 1,000 to about 15,000 ppm based on the weight of the second skin layer,

wherein the composition of the core layer is different than the composition of the skin layers, the core layer and the skin layers being characterized by the absence of PVC, and the multilayer thermoplastic film is an unoriented film, and wherein an intermediate layer is positioned between the core layer and the second thermoplastic skin layer, the intermediate layer being characterized by the absence of PVC.

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Please cancel claims 2, 22, 38 and 39, without prejudice or disclaimer.

REMARKS

Claims 1-37 and 40-41 are pending in the application upon entry of the above amendments. Claims 1 and 21 have been amended for clarification purposes. Support for the amendments to claims 1 and 21 can be found in originally filed claims 2 and 22 and in the specification as filed, for example, at page 20, lines 10-25. Claims 38 and 39, which were withdrawn from consideration as non-elected claims, have been cancelled.

I. Affirmation of Telephone Restriction:

Affirmation is hereby made of the provisional election of Group I (claims 1-38 and 41) made during the telephone call of March 29, 2001 between Examiner Tsoy and the undersigned. The non-elected claims have been cancelled. Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application directed to such claims at a later date.